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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the

application:

Complete Listing of Claims:

- 1. Canceled
- 2. (Previously Presented) A biocidal composition comprising composite particles, each of said composite particles containing a shell and a core, said core containing surface oxidized copper powder or a copper-containing compound selected from the group consisting of cuprous oxide, copper hydroxide, copper containing salt(s), and combinations thereof, and said shell containing a copper pyrithione formed by reaction of pyrithione acid or a water-soluble salt of pyrithione with a portion of said core copper or copper containing compound.
 - 3. (Canceled)
- 4. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 2 wherein said copper-powder or copper containing compound is present in said composition in an amount of from about 99 to about 60% by weight, based upon the total weight of said composition.
 - 5. (Canceled)
- 6. (Original) The composition of claim 4 wherein said copper-containing composite is present in said composition in an amount of from about 97 to about 86% by weight based upon the total weight of said composition.
- 7. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 2 wherein said copper pyrithione shell is present in an amount of from about 1 to about 40% by weight, based upon the total weight of said composition.